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GLOBE COFFEEHOUSE, HOTEL, & TAVERN, FLEET STREET—LONDON.

MORROW, encouraged by the flattering support which he has been honoured, since the above house was altered for the accommodation of Lodgers, begs leave to return his grateful thanks to those Gentlemen whose favours he has received, and to assure them and the Public, that he will not relax in those attentions and affluencies by which he hopes he has hitherto given general satisfaction. His Lodging Rooms are retired from the street, and fitted up with peculiar regard to cleanliness and general conveniences.

The situation of the house, being nearly in the centre of the united cities of London and Westminster, is peculiarly convenient to country Gentlemen.

Clubs, Societies, and individual Purchasers in the Lottery, are requested to compare the present Scheme with any that has gone before, and they will find it unquestionably far superior—notwithstanding which, the Tickets and Shares are sold at a much lower rate than they have been for these twenty years past.

ENGLISH STATE LOTTERY, 1797.

Begins drawing February 25, 1798.

THE TICKETS, HALVES, QUARTERS, EIGHTHS, and SIXTEENTHS, are now selling in great variety of Numbers, and on the lowest terms.

The money for the Prizes paid on demand, by

HORNSBY AND CO. STOCK-BROKERS, At their old established State-Lottery Office, (licensed pursuant to act of Parliament,) No. 26, Cornhill, opposite the Royal Exchange, London; also at Messrs Trevelman and Sons, Exeter; and at Mr Thomas's Billings, Liverpool.

SCHEME.

No. of Prizes.	Value of each.	Total Value.
4 of 10,000	10,000	40,000
1 - 20,000	20,000	20,000
1 - 10,000	10,000	10,000
1 - 5,000	5,000	5,000
1 - 2,000	2,000	2,000
1 - 1,000	1,000	1,000
1 - 500	500	500
1 - 100	100	100
1 - 50	50	50
1 - 10	10	10
16,500 Prizes		1,500,000

Orders accompanied with good bills, payable at sight or at short date, will be punctually attended to.—And country correspondents are requested not to send money in their letters, but to procure of the Postmaster orders on London. Letters (post-paid) duly answered, and Schemes gratis. All Shares sold at this Office will be stamped, agreeable to act of Parliament, with the words "State Lottery Stamp Office."—Bank, India, and South Sea Stock, with their several Annuities, and all kinds of Government Securities bought and sold by Commission.

SALE OF WOOLLEN DRAPERY,

No. 23, OPPOSITE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

THIS DAY,

ROBERT MURDOCH opened for sale his extensive stock of WOOLLEN DRAPERY and MENS MERCERY GOODS.

IN GREAT VARIETY.

Superfine Cloths of the most Fashionable Colours.

BLACKS & NAVY BLUES.

Superfine Black, White, Coloured, and Mixed CASSIMERES.

Superior Double Mill'd Ones.

Excellent yard-wide Livery Cloths, Duffels, and Bath Coatings. Swandowns, Quiltings, and other Fancy GOODS FOR VESTS.

A large assortment of Velveteens, Cords, Thickets, FANCY CORDS and MANCHESTER GOODS in general, laid in at the old prices—which are now considerably on the advance.

As the property must be immediately turned into cash, the Public may depend on most Capital Bargains. Purchasers from the country will find this advertisement well worth their attention.

DRY-DOCK, BUILDING DOCK, SMITHIES, & OTHER SUBJECTS IN NORTH LEITH, TO LET.

To be LET, for such a period as may be agreed on, not exceeding eight years, from the term of Whitsunday next.

THE following SUBJECTS, lately the property of the deceased Mr JOHN SIMS, Shipbuilder in Leith, viz.

1. His large and commodious DRY DOCK, for Repairing Vessels.

2. His BUILDING DOCK.

3. THE THREE SMITHIES, in the vicinity of the Docks, one of them used as a Netherly Smithy, and the other two at which Anchors and other large articles of iron work were made.

4. THE DWELLING-HOUSE, lately possessed by Mr Sims, with the Area surrounding the same, and Office-houses thereto belonging.

All lying in North Leith, and at present in the occupation of Messrs Strachan and Gavin, Shipbuilders.

The value of these subjects, and their commodious and eligible situation for an extensive business in the various branches of ship-building and repairing, and the iron manufactory, need not be pointed out, this being generally known, and particularly to the inhabitants of Leith, who must well remember to what a great extent all these different branches of trade were carried on at these premises by the late Mr Sims.

Proposals for a lease of these subjects may be given in to Mr Sims, writer to the signet, George's Square, Edinburgh, Mr Sims's trustee, to whom application may be made for information as to further particulars.

ESSENCE OF PEPPERMENT,

PREPARED BY

WILLIAM DICK, Surgeon, DUNDEE.

Pepperment is a native plant of Great Britain; it has a quick penetrating smell, a strong and warm taste, pungent like pepper, growing upon the lips, and sinking as it were into the tongue. Little is requisite to be said as to its virtue, for since the beginning of this century, universal experience has established its character.—It is a medicine well adapted for all hysteric and nervous complaints, all choleric pains proceeding from wind, and peculiarly useful for the complaints that attend women in their early stage of pregnancy: It is a good pocket companion for all travellers by sea or land, giving relief in sea sicknesses, and restoring the debilitated stomach to its proper tone. It is particularly useful after an excess of drinking; and, even those who are at the mineral waters, will find its application very useful in preventing the stomach from being too much chilled or pained by them. It may be administered with great propriety to infants who are troubled with windy griping pains in their bowels, likewise a great many other complaints too tedious to mention.—It is a medicine that every family ought to be in possession of, as it improves by keeping, provided it is well corked.

It is sold, at 1s. per bottle, by the Proprietor at his laboratory, Mr R. Scott druggist, Edinburgh; A. McDonald merchant, Glasgow; W. Coke bookbinder, Leith; R. Morrison & Son, and Johnston & Bisset, Perth; G. Brown druggist, Paisley; J. Palmer bookbinder, Kelso; A. Wylie druggist, Dumfries; J. Cove merchant, Banff; J. Forsyth bookbinder, Elgin; J. Anderson merchant, Arbroath; J. Caird confectioner, Montrose; J. Lawrence confectioner, Brechin; T. Dalgety merchant, Forfar; J. Shepherd merchant, Kilmuir; D. Balharry merchant, Meigle; J. Baxter merchant, Alyth; G. Batchelor surgeon, Cupar-Angus, and by most vendors of patent medicines.

That the public may not be imposed upon, it is necessary to observe, that the following inscription is on every bottle:—*Essence of Pepperment, prepared by Wm. Dick surgeon, Dundee.*

Allowance will be given to retailers.

WESTMINSTER SOCIETY FOR INSURANCE ON LIVES AND SURVIVORSHIPS, AND GRANTING ANNUITIES.

Established 1793.

No. 429, STRAND—LONDON.

DIRECTORS.

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AMONG the many Institutions designed to benefit mankind, those to provide for Old Age, the Widow, and Fatherless, have been thought most worthy attention; but, from the formation or conduct of several, they have frequently failed to produce the beneficial consequences intended, and have occasioned indignity and disappointment.

This Society, considering the good arising from a well-digested Plan, suited to every condition of persons, have established a capital sufficient to answer all demands, and offer terms which, they trust, will be considered properly advantageous to the Public, giving to the Society only such reasonable profits as are consistent with the stability of the Institution—the existence of which would be not only endangered by engaging in risks at inadequate rates, but inevitably produce its dissolution, and carry with it the dreadful effects its establishment is intended to guard against.

A person may, for a small annual premium, secure to his Widow, Sons, Daughters, or Dependents, a sum sufficient to keep them from the distress and poverty which his death might otherwise occasion, either by the insurance of a gross sum or an eventual annuity, or by any other mode more consonant to the wishes of the party.

The payment of a debt at the death of a debtor may be secured by a like premium.—Fines for the renewal of leases may be provided, by insuring the amount thereof on the life or lives of the person or persons at whose death such fines are payable.—One whose income depends on the life of another may have such income secured to him during his own life, after the other's decease.—And those who purchase employments or annuities depending on the lives of themselves or others, may secure the purchase money paid for the same, or equivalent annuities.

It has been much lamented, that persons wishing to make provision for themselves, their families, or others, by the purchase of annuities, should be discouraged therefrom by insufficient security, irregular payments, and the heavy expenses incurred in effecting the business, which objections generally apply to most transactions of this nature.

This Society have therefore determined to grant annuities on the life or lives of one or more person or persons, to commence immediately.—Or on the lives of parties from birth or any age, to commence at any remote period, to continue for the remainder of life, or for any certain number of years.—Or, in consideration of a principal sum paid down, or of an annual payment, optional to the party applying, to pay, at any given period of the life named, such a sum as may be agreed upon, either upon attaining the age of 21 years, or more or less than that age.

And they purpose carrying on their plan upon so fair and equitable a scale as they are confident cannot fail to secure general approbation.

For the accommodation of the Public, the Society have appointed ROBERT ALLAN, Banker, Edinburgh—and JOHN BUCHANAN, jun. Merchant in Glasgow, their Agents, to whom application may be made, either for Insurances or Annuities, and by whom the Annuities will be paid, and printed proposals given out, so that persons not resident in London will have the satisfaction to transact their own business, without expense or trouble.

The Managers of the Westminster Insurances of Lives, as a further encouragement to the Public, have reduced their rates to very moderate terms.

The following are a few of the many cases to which it applies:

1. A person of the age of 20, by an annual payment of 21s. 7s. 6d. during the continuance of his life, may secure, at his death, 1000l. to his widow or children, to his creditor, or to whomsoever he may chuse to assign the policy.

2. A person, A, aged 20, has a relation, B, dependent on him, aged 50, who might be left destitute in case of his predecease. A may secure, for an annual payment of 17s. 11s. 8d. during the joint lives of A and B, or give to any person to whom he may assign the policy, 1000l. in the event of A's predeceasing B.

3. A person wishing to assure 1000l. to himself, or his assigns, upon the death of either A or B, each aged 20. He may do so, upon paying an annual sum of 38s. 11s. 10d. during the joint lives of A and B—while A and B shall both continue in life.

4. A life not exceeding the age of 30 years may be insured for 1000l. to be paid in case of death within one year, for 1s. 11d. When seven years, by paying annually 1s. 16d. 8.

5. When the death shall happen, by paying annually, 2s. 16d. 8.

6. A man not exceeding 30 years of age, by paying an annual sum of 1s. 8d. 4d. may secure to his wife, not less than the age of 20 years, the sum of 1000l. should she survive him.

7. The lives of two persons, whose ages each do not exceed 35 years, being insured, the party insuring paying annually 5s. 11d. will be entitled to 1000l. on the death of either of them.

HOUSE IN GEORGE STREET.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitsunday next, THE HOUSE in George Street, No. 3, near St Andrews Square, which belonged to the late Lord Macdonald, at present possessed by Mr Wauchope of Edmonstone. It consists of five floors, with stable, coach-house, and other suitable offices.

For particulars, apply at Mr Campbell's Chamber St James's Square, or to Mr Norrie, painter, well Register Street.

CENTRAL SITUATION.

To be SOLD, by public roup, upon Wednesday the 31st January 1798, at two o'clock afternoon, within Elliot's Rooms, opposite the Cross.

THAT HOUSE consisting of the two upper flats of No. 1, Hanover Street, with four good cellars. It is most particularly well laid out for the accommodation of a family.

The two public rooms front Prince's Street, measure each 22 feet by 16.—To be seen every day from 12 to three o'clock.

Mr Hay, writer to the signet, will treat with any person willing to purchase by private bargain previous to the day of sale.

HOUSE IN CASTLE STREET.

To be SOLD by auction, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, upon Thursday the 8th day of February next, at two o'clock afternoon, and entered to at Whitsunday next.

THAT HOUSE, No. 4, North Castle Street, Edinburgh, which was possessed by the late Mr Nairne, accountant. It consists of the first and second floors, and a fine storey, with suitable cellars, &c. and is, in point of accommodation, excelled by few houses of its size in the New Town.

AS ALSO,

either separately or along with the house, as officers may incline, TWO STABLES in the adjacent Lane, one of which may be converted into a coach-house.

Apply to Patrick Anderson, clerk to the signet, or Robert Allan, accountant, North St David's Street, Edinburgh, either of whom will treat with any person inclining to purchase by private bargain between the day of sale.

The house may be seen from twelve to two o'clock, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

SALE OF WOOLLEN DRAPERY GOODS, &c.

At and below Cost.

THE Copartnership between FRANCIS SHAND and THOMAS NEILSON, under the firm of SHAND and NEILSON, being dissolved by mutual consent on the 31st of last month.—The Public are respectfully informed, that the STOCK of GOODS belonging to that Copartnership are now SELLING OFF WITHOUT RESERVE, at and below cost, at their Shop No. 19, South Bridge Street, Edinburgh.

The Goods, besides many other articles, consist chiefly of the following, viz.

Best Superfine Cloths, in great variety of colours.
Second Cloths, Livery Cloths and Duffels.
Swandowns, Beaverets, Toilets, Quiltings, Cassimeres, Silks, Cords, &c. &c. for Vests and Breeches.
Flannels, Fustians, and other Linings.
Silks, Cottons, and Worsted Stockings.

A very full assortment of Coloured and White SHETLAND HOSE, from 1s. to 3s. per Pair.
Superfine Cloths, from 2s. 6d. to 10s. per yard, and every other article proportionably low.

The above Goods contain every thing that is New and Fashionable in the Woollen Drapery line, and being intended for a customary trade, and selected with the utmost care, the Public may rest assured, that every article is of the best quality that the prices respectively will admit of.

SHAND and NEILSON return their warmest acknowledgements to their Friends and Customers for their many favours; and as the affairs of the Copartnership must be speedily wound up, it is earnestly requested, that such of their friends as have accounts with them will be so obliging as to order payment as soon as possible.

N. B.—THOMAS NEILSON proposes to continue the Business on his own account, and at the same Shop, with an entire New Assortment of Goods; and as his utmost endeavours will always be exerted to procure every thing that is New and Fashionable in his line.—The Friends and Customers of the Copartnership are respectfully and earnestly requested for a continuance of their favours to him.

FRANCIS SHAND.

THOMAS NEILSON.

INVERNESS INFIRMARY.

THE impossibility of affording effectual medical aid to the sick poor in the Highlands of Scotland, at their own habitations, so thinly scattered over a country frequently inaccessible from swellings of rivers, stormy weather, and bad roads, has long been lamented, and has suggested the idea of erecting, as near as possible to their homes, AN INFIRMARY, into which those whose cases require it will be received, and from whence Medicines shall be distributed to such as it may not be deemed necessary to remove from their families.

The town of INVERNESS has been considered as the place most central, and in other respects most proper for such an establishment; and at a meeting of Noblemen and Gentlemen of the neighbouring Counties, and of this County and Town, held here on Wednesday the 25th of October last, a general view of the proposed Institution was considered, and approved of.—Subscriptions to a very liberal extent, were entered into, and a Committee appointed for conducting the business. From a statement of the expense which the erection and support of the Infirmary will unavoidably be attended with, it is evident that before the wishes of the country can be carried into effect, a very considerable sum must yet be procured, which the Committee, strongly impressed with the importance of the object, and firmly relying on the patriotism and humanity of Britons, and in particular of those most immediately connected with the north of Scotland, doubt not will soon be supplied, so as to warrant the speedy opening of the Infirmary for beginning the following early next season.

SUBSCRIPTION PAPERS are in the hands of SIMON FRASER and JAMES GRANT, Esqrs. Advocates, CHARLES MACINTOSH and JAMES GRANT, Esqrs. W. S. and GEORGE MACINTOSH, Esq. Glasgow.

Gentlemen residing abroad, who wish to promote the plan, are requested to add the names of their correspondents at home, and to direct them to pay their subscriptions, when called upon by the Committee, or by their Treasurer. Any particular information wished for will be readily communicated, on application to WILLIAM INGLIS, Esq. Chairman of the Committee. THOMAS GILZEAN, Esq. Treasurer, or CAMPBELL MACINTOSH, Esq. Secretary.

Inserted, December 13, 1797.

EAST LOTHIAN FARM WHEAT FOR SALE.

THE whole FARM WHEAT of the Barony of Byres, crop 1797, consisting of about 350 Bolls, and deliverable by the tenant in Leith, Edinburgh, or any place of the like distance between Christmas 1797 and Candlemas 1798.

Offers, bearing relation to the highest East Lothian Fairs of Wheat, crop 1797, may be given in between 15th January next, to Mr William Keith, accountant, or to Messrs Dundas and Robertson, clerks to the signet; and offers will attend that the price will be made payable on or before the 1st April 1798.

TO BE SOLD

And entered to at Whitsunday next, THE HOUSE of SOUTH COATS, lying a little to the west of the Newtown of Edinburgh, with stables, coach-house, and every other accommodation for a family, all in complete repair.—Also,

THE GROUND surrounding the House, part of it laid out in a Garden.

The road which is to be made from the west end of Prince's Street to join the new Glasgow road will be of great advantage to a purchaser.

The house may be seen every day from 12 to two o'clock.—And for further particulars apply at the house, or to Mr F. Strachan, writer to the signet.

HOUSES IN THE NEW TOWN FOR SALE.

To be SOLD by public auction, in the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, upon Thursday the 1st day of February next, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

TWO TWO HOUSES, being No. 20, South Frederick Street.

The Under House, being the three lower floors, contains 13 rooms and an elegant lobby and stair-case, complete cellars, wash-house, and every convenience that a large family can desire, with an excellent stable and coach-house.

The Upper House consists of kitchen, eight rooms, larder, closets, &c. with a separate stair-case, a separate water-pipe, wick and coal cellars, and has also a stable with two stalls, making in all one of the finest houses in Edinburgh for a man of business. Both houses may be thrown into one, as the staircases were constructed for that purpose.

The premises will be expeditiously together or separately.

For further particulars, enquire at the proprietor, James Lindfay Carnegie, Esq. or at Messrs Fotheringham and Pearson, writers to the signet.

SALE BY THE CANDLE.

By order of the High Court of Admiralty, In about a month's time, at Cork in Ireland, and there to be delivered,

THE Portuguese Ship and CARGO of the NOSSA SENHORA DE PATROCINIO E ST ANNA, captured by the French on her voyage from Rio de Janeiro to Oporto, and recaptured by his Majesty's ship of war the Doris, the Right Hon. Lord Ranelagh Commander.

The Cargo, consisting of about 600 Chests of BRAZIL SUGAR.

350 Bags of ditto COITON.

HIDES—and other Goods.

Particulars of which will be timely delivered by Mr A. J. Sampays, at Cork—and by Messrs Barmister and Nash, Bishopsgate Street, London.

Jan. 9, 1798.

EARLY GARDEN SEEDS, &c.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, Successor to Messrs Anderson, Leslie, and Company, feeders in Edinburgh, and Son of one of the Partners—begs leave to inform the Friends and Customers of that House, and the Public, that he has got to hand a new, fresh, and complete assortment of EARLY GARDEN SEEDS of the best quality, and is now selling them at his Shop, at the sign of the Gilded Gardener, High Street—where may be had, Garden Tools of all kinds, Pot Peas, Bird Seeds, &c. &c. as usual.

He humbly solicits the friendship and patronage of the former Customers of that house, and of the Public, with this assurance, that any commands he may be favoured with shall be executed with the strictest fidelity and punctuality.

N. B.—Gentlemen supplied with Gardeners.

TEAS, SPIRITS, & WINES.

JOHN SWANSTON,

Head of Niddry Street.

ACQUAINTS his Friends and the Public, that he has just now got to hand a part of his Tea from last sale—Congo, very fine at 4s. and 4s. 6d.—Shouffing, 5s. and 5s. 6d.—Hyson, 6s. 6d. 7s. and 8s.—Jun Powder Dates, 2s.—Rum, Brandy, and Hollands Gin—Shrub, Port, and Sherry Wines—Malt Whisky, best kinds, from 3s. 4d. to 4s.—Blackball Whisky, 4s. 6d. and 5s.—London Porter and Strong Ale—Double Single & refined, Lump, Powder, and Raw Sugar.

Families in town and country will find these goods worthy their notice.

Commissions attended to, and executed with care and dispatch.

TO BE SOLD,

THE STOCK of a Linen Draper, with the Shop Furniture, and the Lease of the Shop—to be disposed of on terms highly favourable to purchasers.

For particulars apply to Mr John Greg, Ironmonger, No. 51, South Bridge Street.

Edinburgh, January 15, 1798.

SOUTH BRIDGE.

To be SOLD by roup, upon Wednesday the 24th January 1798, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, at six o'clock in the evening,

I. THAT ELEGANT WAREHOUSE possessed by Messrs Shireff and Dudgeon, haberdashers, upon a lease of which there are nine years to run from Whitsunday next, at the rent of 36l.

II. A DWELLING-HOUSE, first Storey up stairs above Mr Gregory's Shop, possessed by Messrs John Dun and Strachan, writers to the signet. Rent 51l. 10s.

III. A HOUSE being the first Storey below stairs, immediately under Mr George Gregory's Shop.

IV. A HOUSE, being the first Storey below stairs, immediately under the Shop of Mr Guthrie and Mr Sheppard, presently possessed by Mr Rolfe's wine, at the rent of 14l.

V. A HOUSE and SHOP in Niddry Street, formerly rented at 6l. but at present only 3l. 10s.

VI. A HOUSE or SHOP immediately adjoining No. 4, formerly rented at 8l. but at present only 4l. and possessed by George Gregory, tin-smith.

VII. A CELLAR immediately below the last mentioned subject. As these subjects belong principally to a company whose concern it is necessary to wind up immediately, they must be sold without reserve. And any person desirous to conclude a private bargain, previous to the day of sale, may apply to Mr Walker, writer to the signet.

GROUND NEAR PIER-HILL BARRACKS TO BE LEASED.

To be Leased in Small Plots, THAT ENCLOSURE lying near PIER-HILL BARRACKS, and opposite to Parson's Green, presently possessed by Mr Lewis Cavin. The fee-duty must be two thirds in barley, and one third in money.

Offers in writing will be received to the 2d February next, and may be given in to Alexander Bonnar, Esq. Banker in Edinburgh, or James Jollie, W. S. to whom application may be made for further particulars.—Not to be repeated.

LEASE OF MILLS AT LARGO.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the house of John Wood, innkeeper in Leith Mill, upon Friday the 16th day of February 1798, at three o'clock afternoon.

THE LEASE of the BARLEY, LINT, and WAUK MILLS of LARGO, of which there is 922 years to run from Martinmas last, with the Malt Thirlage of the Barony, and four acres of Land, situated at the head of the harbour of Largo, where vessels of considerable burden can unload.

These subjects are well adapted for machinery of any kind, having a constant supply of water, and a fall of about 23 feet, and lie in the neighbourhood of populous and thriving villages. Immediate access to the premises will be given.

Further particulars may be learned by applying to Mr Goodf, surgeon in Largo—in whose hands is the principal tack, which will be shown to intending officers.

William Russell at the mills will show the subjects.

SHEEP FARM.

THE FARM of BALINTREY, within one mile of Inveraray, is to be LET by roup, for Nineteen Years from next Whitsunday, within the inn at Inveraray, upon Thursday the 15th day of March next, at mid-day.

It contains about 2000 acres, and is well situated as to markets for every thing that can be produced from it.

The conditions of let, and other particulars, will be explained by the Chamberlain of Argyll, at Inveraray, or by Mr Ferrier, writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

LEITH, 25th December, 1797.

SALE OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS.
To be SOLD by auction, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 31st January 1798, at one o'clock P. M.
THE WHOLE OUTSTANDING DEBTS owing to the liquidated estate of Peter Forrester merchant in Edinburgh, and the Companies in Edinburgh and Leith in which he was concerned; together with a license right to a house in Foulis's Close, Edinburgh, presently let at 10l. yearly. The debts which (including a large debt due by F. and A. Forrester, and Co. St. Petersburg) amount to about 25,000l. will be disposed of in four separate lots, at very low upset prices.
Lists of the debts may be seen, and further particulars learned by applying to Robert Allan, accountant, No. 5. North St. David's Street, Edinburgh.

To the Creditors of
JOHN WATT and COMPANY, late Merchants in Edinburgh.

THE Trust Dispones of the Company request the whole Creditors to attend, either personally or by some person properly authorized, a general Meeting to be held within the Warehouse lately possessed by the Company, at the foot of Heriot's Bridge, Grassmarket of Edinburgh, upon Monday the 31st day of February next, at one o'clock afternoon, when the trustees will lay before the creditors a state of the affairs under their management, and submit to their consideration matters of consequence to the general interest.
The trustees will be enabled by the 8th day of March next, to make a considerable dividend. But as several of the creditors have not yet lodged their grounds of debt, with affidavits upon the verity, the trustees request that these creditors will immediately lodge the same either with Messrs Vallance and Menelaws, at the warehouse, or with John Gray, writer Pateron's Court, otherwise they will not be included in the proposed dividend.
And as sundry debtors of the Company have neglected to make payment of the sums owing by them, they are hereby certified, that unless payment is made either to Mr Vallance, or Mr Menelaws, at the warehouse in Heriot's Bridge, before the 8th of February next, actions will be immediately thereafter raised against them for enforcing payment.
Edinburgh, 15th January, 1798.

INTIMATION
To such as were Creditors of ARCHIBALD DRUMMOND, sometime in Chapel, now residing in Norriehoun, and comprehended in the sequestration of his estate, awarded by the Court of Session in the year 1777.
THE Trustees of the said ARCHIBALD DRUMMOND, and JOHN DRUMMOND his father deceased, having now sold the subjects conveyed to them, and converted the same into cash, George Forster in Blackdoch, the only survivor of the said trustees now in life, and John Rob, writer in Dunblane, his assignee for winding up the trust, do hereby require the said creditors, particularly the heirs and representatives of James Pearson, merchant in Dunblane, William Gilles, tenant in Sauchie, George McQueen in Tar of Ruskie, Patrick Stevenson and John Johnston, fashers in Stirling, William Spital, tenant in Ireland, John Montgomerie, merchant in Dunblane, William Mufcher in Kerfe of Colchoch, William Somerville, wright in Down, and John McNie in Burn of Cambus, all deceased; also, James Buchanan in Garrahan, Donald Fisher in Ruskie, Robert Gilles, tenant in Sauchie, John Henderson, tenant in Ochterryre, John Lennox, tennar in Thornhill, James McNie, faver there, Betty Muir in Norriehoun, John Hervey in Hill town of Cardross, Thomas Muir, carrier at Bridgend of Cardross, Peter Graham in Damfleck of Ruskie, John McCulloch in Welter Bowshaple, and James Thomson, butcher in East Craigmillar, to lodge their claims and grounds of debt against the said Archibald Drummond, with John Burn, writer in Stirling, due for the trustees, and the said John Rob, within the space of two months from the date hereof, to enable Mr Burn, at the expiry of that space, to prepare a state and scheme of division of the forsaids funds amongst the creditors complying with this requisition; certifying such of them as do not lodge their grounds of debt within the forsaids funds, that they will be cut out and deprived of any share of the funds, and that they shall have no claim or recourse upon the trustees, or the said John Rob, in all time thereafter, as the funds will then be divided and paid amongst those creditors conforming hereto.
Signed, by order of the said George Forster, and John Rob, at Stirling the 11th January 1798 years, by **JOHN BURN**.
Not to be repeated.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.
MR GRAY of CAUSE having appointed Trustees for the management of his affairs, the Trustees request a Meeting of Mr Gray's creditors, at Hunter's Inn, in Forfar, on Monday the 22d inst. at 12 o'clock, with their grounds of debt. Those who cannot attend, are desired to appoint some person to appear on their behalf.
Forfar, 8th January 1798.

VILLAS
In the Neighbourhood of Edinburgh,
And other Subjects for Sale.
To be SOLD, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 24th of January next, at one o'clock afternoon,
I. THE VILLA OF BROUGHTON PARK, lying on the north side, and in the immediate vicinity of Edinburgh; consisting of 3 acres, 2 rods, 37 falls, all well inclosed, at present occupied mostly in nursery.
Upon the premises are a commodious neat Mansion-house, Garden, and suitable offices, possessed by Andrew Leslie Seedsman in Edinburgh, the proprietor, besides a smaller dwelling-house, small garden, &c. occupied by a tenant.
II. The Property at PORTOBELLO, lying about three miles east from Edinburgh, upon the sea-shore, belonging to James Cunningham, writer in Edinburgh; consisting of 4 1/2 Scots acres, all well fenced with stone walls, and laid out in three separate inclosures surrounded with gardens, shrubbery, &c.
In the southernmost inclosure adjoining to the Musselburgh Road, there is a neat commodious dwelling-house. And in the north inclosure upon the sea side, there is also a neat dwelling-house, commonly known by the name of Portobello Tower, with proper offices, &c.
The premises are most particularly well adapted for bathing quarters, and may either be occupied in the manner they presently are, or converted into three separate villas, the middle inclosure affording a delightful situation for a house.
III. The MANSION-HOUSE of Bridge Castle, in Linlithgowshire, and about ten Scots acres of ground around it, all substantially inclosed, with a garden well stocked with choice fruit trees, and suitable offices, lying about five measured miles from Linlithgow, and two from Bathgate, upon the new road leading from Linlithgow to the new Glasgow road, which affords a most convenient access.
The Mansion-house is substantial, and would be a very comfortable residence for a genteel family, being large, surrounded by fine old trees, pleasantly situated upon a good troutling water, which passes under the garden wall, and in the centre of a sporting country.
Mr Leslie will show the premises at Broughton Park;—and the servants at Portobello and Bridge Castle those there.
For further information, persons inclining to purchase, may apply to Donald McLane, booksman in Edinburgh, trustee for the creditors of Messrs Leslie and Cunningham, or to Alexander Forsyth, writer in Edinburgh, in whose hands the articles of roup and title deeds of the subjects may be seen.

VILLA IN WIGTONSHIRE TO BE SOLD.
To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon the 24th day of February next, at one o'clock afternoon,
THE MANSION-HOUSE, GARDENS, AND OFFICES of BALKAIL, with about Thirty two Acres of Ground.
This is one of the neatest and most pleasant places in the county of Wigton. It lies hard by the village of Glenluce which is a post town, and upon the Great Road from London to Ireland by Port Patrick,—is within half a mile of the sea, to which it has a fine opening, and as the surrounding country abounds with game, and the House and Offices being in complete repair, it would make a very desirable Hunting Seat.—There is some quantity of fine old Wood upon the property.—Also, a SUBSET of a LARGE FARM, which has 64 years to run of the principal lease.—A part of this Farm is out of lease at Whitfunday 1798, when an advance of rent will be got, and the remainder is under lease for two years, at 120l. per ann. when there is no doubt that it will rise considerably.—Upon this Farm there is an extensive Young Plantation, which will be very valuable in a few years, and which the tenant has the liberty of cutting. A sublease of these Farms will either be sold along with the Villa, or separately, as purchasers incline.
The title-deeds, articles of roup, and a plan of the property, are in the hands of Robert Cathcart, W. S. who is empowered to conclude a private bargain previous to the day of sale.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10.

The House met, and went through the Committee upon the Assessed Taxes bill, without any amendment, when the report was immediately received, and the bill ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.—Adjourned.

JANUARY 11.

The new assessed tax bill was read a third time, and passed.

The LORD CHANCELLOR gave notice that he would to-morrow move, that there be laid before the House an account of the amount of assessed taxes paid by Peers, in order to shew to what extent their Lordships should contribute under the new assessed tax bill.

LORD CARRINGTON also gave notice, that he should to-morrow move, that an account of such voluntary contributions as might be made by their Lordships, be laid before the House.

LORD GRENVILLE then brought down a message from his Majesty, as follows:

"GEORGE REX.
"His Majesty thinks proper to acquaint the House, that he has received various advices of preparations made, and measures taken in France, apparently in pursuance of a design openly professed of attempting an invasion of these kingdoms. His Majesty is firmly persuaded that by the zeal, courage, and exertions of his faithful people, struggling for every thing that is most dear to them, such an enterprise will terminate in the confusion and ruin of those who shall engage in it. But his Majesty, in his anxious concern for the welfare and safety of his people, feels it incumbent upon him to omit no precautions that may contribute, as so important a conjuncture, to the defence of these kingdoms. His Majesty, therefore, in pursuance of the acts of Parliament passed last session for augmenting the militia of these kingdoms, thinks it right to make this communication to the House, in order that he may be enabled to draw out and embody the Supplementary Militia, and to march them as occasion may require."

The message being read,
LORD GRENVILLE moved, That an humble address be presented to his Majesty, thanking him for his gracious message, and promising the determination of the House to adopt such efficacious measures as the exigencies of the times require.

This motion was put and agreed to *nem. diss.*
Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

JANUARY 11.

MR WILBERFORCE BIRD presented a petition from the watch and clockmakers of the city of Coventry, setting forth the distressed situation of the petitioners, from the operation of the act of last session, imposing a duty on clocks and watches, and praying for a repeal of the same.

MR W. BIRD notified his intention to move, after the recess, for leave to bring in a bill for carrying into effect the prayer of the above petition.

MR MAINWARING presented a petition of the same tenour and tendency, subscribed by 8000 clock and watchmakers, resident in London, Westminster, and Southwark.

The Hon. Member gave notice, that on the 9th February, which he understood was the second day of the recess, he should move for the appointment of a Committee to consider the various petitions that had been presented from the clock and watchmakers; and on the report of that Committee he should ground a motion for leave to bring in a bill for the repeal of the act.

It was stated, that as a notice for effecting the same object had been given, both could not be brought forward.

After some conversation, Mr W. Bird waved his notice in favour of Mr Mainwaring, whose plan was thought better calculated to carry the petitioners object into execution.

A petition was presented from Peter Moore, Esq. complaining of an undue election for the borough of Tewkesbury. Another to the same effect was presented from certain of the electors. Ordered to be taken into consideration on the 22d of February next.

The Committee of Supply and Ways and Means were deferred to the 7th of February next.

The time for receiving petitions for private bills was prolonged to Friday the 23d of February.

MR DUNDAS presented a message from his Majesty, similar to that which appears in the Lords.

MR Dundas moved, that an humble address should be presented to his Majesty for his most gracious communication, which was agreed to *nem. con.* Adjourned.

PROTEST AGAINST THE ASSESSED TAX-BILL.

Dissentient,
Because, we conceive that in the present circumstances no grant of money by Parliament can alone be sufficient to extricate the country from its alarming and critical situation.

When the exigencies of the State are such, as to demand large supplies from the people, our duty is not confined to the bare consideration of the necessity of the case, or the mode of levying the money.—We are not, from the pressure of circumstances, and the approach of danger, hastily to concur in laying additional burthens on our fellow-subjects, without infusing to the public a wise application of the money so raised, and without due precautions for directing the efforts of the people to their only legitimate object, the benefit of the community. A neglect of this, the most important of all Parliamentary duties, must produce, and in our opinions, it has already produced consequences the most fatal to the dignity of the nation, the stability of the Government, and the interests of the people. In the unconditional compliance with the demands of the Executive Government again proposed as the remedy, we perceive the real and fatal source of the evil.

Year after year his Majesty's Ministers have grounded their application to Parliament upon the urgency of the occasion, and the extraordinary exigencies of the State. To satisfy their demands, to enable them to encounter the dangers, and remove the difficulties in which we were involved, every article of luxury or convenience have been taxed, the resources of the country have been exhausted, and sums unparalleled in history have been entrusted to their disposal; yet, year after

year, the occasion has become more urgent, the exigencies more pressing, the difficulties more alarming, and the dangers more immediate. The security of the nation has been shaken in the same proportion as the prosperity of the country has been impaired; external danger has kept pace with internal distress, and the exertions which have impoverished the people, and shaken our credit, have purchased nothing but the loss of national honour, the defection of allies, and the failure of every great object of the war.

If the whole force of Great Britain and Ireland, aided by grants, lavished beyond the example of the most improvident times, assisted by the most powerful monarchs of Europe, has proved insufficient in the hands of Ministers to secure the blessings of peace, or even to avert the present awful circumstances of the country, it seems inconsistent with reason to expect, that the painful efforts of an empire, whose means are exhausted by taxation, whose spirits are damped by failure, and whose affections are in part alienated by oppression, can, without a single ally, under the direction of the same men, resist with effect, a powerful and exasperated enemy, elated with success, strengthened by conquest, and supported by the united powers of Holland and of Spain.

In this situation of affairs, to persevere in the system which has produced it, to confide in the Ministers who, with the aid of so many millions, have been unable to avert it, evinces, in our opinion, a total disregard of the common maxims of prudence, a wanton rejection of the lessons of experience, and a determined neglect of the most important of our Parliamentary duties. Under the persuasion, therefore, that the dangers with which we are now threatened, are the result of force, directed to objects at once impracticable and foreign to the interests of this country; that they are the necessary consequences of a misapplication of the public money, and the natural fruits of the incapacity and profusion of those to whom it has been improvidently entrusted, we deem it our duty not to sanction any grant to the Executive Government until a pledge was given to the House, by the removal of his Majesty's Ministers, of a complete alteration in his Councils. We held it neither just to impose, nor reasonable to require any additional sacrifices from our fellow subjects, until some prospect was held out to the people of a reform of that House which had granted, and a censure of those Ministers who have lavished sums so enormous, without any benefit resulting to the community.

We thought that while his Majesty's affairs were conducted by those who originally engaged in this calamitous contest, and who can neither carry on war or negotiation with honour, advantage, or success, no grant of money by Parliament, no sacrifices on the part of the people, could afford a reasonable hope that the blessings of peace would be speedily restored, or permanently secured. We imagine, that until some earnest was given of a radical alteration of the system of terror and coercion in Ireland, of the repeal of the two bills, the one entitled, "An act for the Safety and Preservation of his Majesty's person and Government against treasonable and seditious practices and attempts, and another entitled, "An act for the more effectually preventing seditious Meetings and Assemblies," of economy in public expenditure, and diminution of the enormous patronage and influence of the Crown, we were not warranted in expecting that cheerful co-operation of the people, which being at once the indication and result of a reciprocal confidence between the Government and the governed, can only be restored by the restoration of the ancient and happy practices of a Constitution undisfigured by coercive laws—of a Parliament speaking the sense of the people—and a Ministry dependent on the voice of the Parliament.

Because it appears to us that any attempt to raise the supplies within the year, in the present exhausted state of the country, must be attended with the greatest difficulty and danger.

Because were we to allow that the principle of raising the supplies by contribution, instead of loan, was just, wise, and expedient, yet under the present Ministers it would appear to us attended with the utmost danger, as the real expenses of the year have generally exceeded by nearly one half their calculation; and thus any regulations for the equal distribution of the burthen which were adopted upon the first calculation, might be rendered ineffectual by subsequent and more extensive demands.

Because if the bill is intended as a tax upon expenditure, its retrospective operation is arbitrary and cruel in the extreme, and altogether repugnant to the usages of our ancestors, the faith of civilized governments, and the common dictates of humanity and justice. If it is intended as a tax upon income, in our opinion the criterion proposed is objectionable and inadequate; and, above all, as income is of various descriptions, sometimes arising from permanent and disposable capital, sometimes from precarious or temporary possessions, and sometimes from labour, talents, or industry, we deem any attempt to proportion the burthen to the income, in itself unjust, unequal, and impolitic. If it is intended as a tax upon property, neither in the original criterion, viz. the assessed taxes of 1795, nor in the proposed relief, do we recognize any just principles of taxation, or perceive any fair or adequate method suggested for the impartial distribution of the burthen.

Because the relief proposed in the bill to those who may, by the increase of their assessed taxes, be liable to pay more than the tenth of their income, requires a disclosure of their pecuniary circumstances, which is contrary to the customs and prejudices of Englishmen, and repugnant to the principles of the constitution; and which, to persons engaged in trade or commerce must be attended with still greater inconveniences than the payment of more than the tenth of their income. Furthermore, this regulation appears to us an indirect breach of the faith so often and so sacredly pledged to the stockholder; for should the whole of the income of any individual claiming this relief consist in a dividend upon stock, a tenth of that income is immediately sacrificed, and the dividend, in violation of the faith of the Parliament and the nation, diminished one tenth by the intervention of Government.

Because the operation of this bill is not confined to a definite period of time, but by the most wanton violation of justice, remains in force till a certain sum is produced; thus exacting from the honest deficiencies which may have been occasioned by accidental circumstances, by the designs or the distress of individuals, by the favour or the neglect of the collectors.

HOLLAND.
OXFORD.

London.

JANUARY 12.

The last of the Hamburg mails, that which became due on Wednesday, arrived on Thursday morning. The greatest part of the contents of it relates to the occupation of Mentz, which is stated in the Frankfurt article to have taken place on the 30th ult.

The intelligence from Rastadt is dated on the 27th ult. Count Metternich had delivered in a note to the French Plenipotentiaries, remonstrating on the infraction of the line of neutrality, and on the occupation of Mentz; to which the French had returned no answer.

From the same place we learn, that the King of Prussia had communicated to the Northern Circle of the Empire, an assurance which he had received from the French, that they would attempt no expedition against the northern parts of Germany; the French Envoys had likewise repeated to the Deputies of several States of the Empire, that they would undertake no expedition against Hanover.

On Wednesday, at the levee, was presented to the King, by the Earl of Fife, Lord Perth, late Mr Drummond, who had the honour to kiss his Majesty's hand on being created a Baron.

On Wednesday, Lord Granville Leveson Gower, accompanied by Mr Frere, set out on his mission to Berlin, to congratulate the King of Prussia on his accession to the throne.

General Sir Ralph Abercromby was sworn a member of the Privy Council of Ireland on Thursday last.

It was yesterday again reported, that some overtures have been again advanced towards negotiation, in a new correspondence opened between this country and France. After having made the most minute enquiries on the subject, we are led to believe, that no other communication has been held beyond what relates to an exchange of prisoners; an extensive arrangement concerning which is now making.

The assessed tax bill has passed.—The Royal Assent, it is supposed, will be given this day.—It moreover appears from the Parliamentary report of last night, that such is the alarm of Government respecting the threatened invasion, that it has been deemed expedient immediately to embody the whole of the supplementary militia, to act as the emergency of the moment may render necessary.

We can assure the public from the best authority, that arms have been landed on several parts of the southern coast of Ireland, for the use of those who may be disposed to favour the enterprises of the enemy. This intelligence cannot be too early, or too generally known.—*Sar.*

A letter from Berlin, of the 2d inst. advises, that the Hereditary Prince of Orange has been appointed Lieutenant-General in the Prussian service.

When the Prince of Conde entered the palace of the late Count Iwan Czernichef, at Petersburg, he was agreeably surprised at finding servants wearing his livery, and coaches bearing his arms. The Prince being embarrassed about placing the order of St. Andrew, the Emperor relieved him, by decorating him with it upon the same ribbon which bore that of the Holy Ghost.

The French rafts ought not to be entirely a subject of ridicule. About thirty years ago, three rafts, laden with masts, the frames of houses, &c. sailed from America; two of them came safe to England, the third was lost, but in what manner is not known. Rafts, therefore might easily fail in a smooth sea from France to England; but not rafts of that enormous magnitude spoken of in the newspapers, which, besides the impossibility of keeping them together, would, by levelling the waves on which they floated, infallibly raise the waves around their borders, by which they would be speedily overwhelmed.

From Stuttgart it is mentioned as a singular circumstance, that the Government is now in the hands of a Protestant for the first time in the course of sixty-three years, the present Duke of Wirtemberg exercises all the rights of sovereignty, which, under the Catholic Dukes used to be administered by a Privy Council, and a Confiscatorial Court.

Advices were received yesterday from St Helena by the Sims whaler, which state that the Martha, of 406 tons, Captain Thomas Barnard, belonging to J. Everitt Mestayer, and the Princess Charlotte country ship, both employed as transports for the expedition to Manila, were unfortunately lost off the Madras coast. The Armiton, Captain William Macnamara, sailed from the Cape for China the 27th of September, as did the following day the under mentioned ships:—Raymond, Captain Henry Smedley; Woodcot, Andrew Hanway, for Bombay; Lord Walsingham, Thomas Smalles; Prince William Henry, Roger Baskett; Hawke, David Bristow Baker; Earl Spencer, Charles Raitt, for Madras and Bengal.

Among the persons who are supposed to have perished on board the Liverpool packet (the Viceroy) which had Handy's troops on board, are two sons of Sir John Parnell, Chancellor of the Exchequer in Ireland. Besides 25 other unfortunate passengers, were the following performers belonging to Handy's equestrian troop: Mrs Davis and child; Mr and Mrs Taylor; Mr Robinson and wife, and four children; Mr and Mrs Port; Miss Mary Ann, the child of promise; Master H. Cantello; Masters Stent and Ackerill; Mr Carr; Mrs Sutton; and two others.

Mr Handy's seventeen horses, trained for exhibition, were on board the packet.

Mr Handy, Mr Davis, and Monf. L'Allouet embarked for Dublin at Holyhead.

Left at Liverpool—the three Brysons (formerly known by the name of the musical children) and likewise Mrs Handy, on account of her advanced pregnancy.

Wednesday, the shattered remains of the 48th regiment arrived in Westminster from St Domingo. The poor, emaciated, but brave fellows, were some drawn in waggon, others upon crutches; and, in all, there were only forty-three out of 650!!

As a strong proof of the great disproportion of land tax, we need only say, that the parish of St Giles in the Fields, pays the sum of 12,000l. while the immense parish of Marybone pays only 750l. According to the rate of payment established in the former parish, the latter ought to pay the sum of 50,000l.

While the result of the negotiations at Rastadt, which is to decide the fate of the German empire, is expected with fear and anxiety by several of its members, our Electorate, as well as all the other countries situated within the line of neutrality, enjoy the most perfect tranquillity. His Prussian Majesty has not only notified to all the Princes and States, included within the said line, his firm resolution to persist in the beneficial plan hitherto pursued, but we have also received the most satisfactory intelligence respecting the intended invasion of this country, by which it appears that we have nothing to fear.

LLOYD'S LIST, Jan. 12.

THE George, Frederick, from Tortola to Liverpool, is stranded near Salcoats, in the Firth of Clyde. Part of the cargo is saved, and will be shipped for Liverpool. The **—**, Elders, from Hamburg to London, is returned to Hamburg, with damage. The **Squirrel, Stanley,** from Newfoundland to Poole, is taken by a French privateer, and carried into Bilbao. The **Henry, Parker,** from New York to Rotterdam, is lost in Helvoets Roads. The **Young William, Halfsted,** from the Baltic to Newcastle, was taken on the 20th of December by the Jason privateer. The Captain arrived at Leith. The **Robert, English,** from Petersburg to London, is on shore on the island of Oland, and it is feared will be lost. The **Hope, Orton;** Trial, Bell; Sterling, Robinson; and **Cotford, Potts,** from Petersburg to London; and the **Marquis of Lorn,** from Danzig to Frith of Forth, are taken by the Macaroon privateer of 20 guns, and 150 men, and carried into Bergen. The **St Antonio de Padua, Paulowick,** from Smyrna to Hamburg, taken by a French frigate and carried back to Smyrna, is condemned there. The **Callor, Wood,** from Narva to Hull, is on shore on Braen Reef, near Bornholm; the cargo saved. The **Favourite,** of Yarmouth, from Yarmouth to the westward, which had been taken by the French, is retaken by the Nimble cutter, and carried to Dartmouth. The **Endeavour, Wood,** from Newfoundland to England, full in October, and is not arrived. The **Frederic, Brulz,** from Hamburg to London, is lost on Vigeland.

WINDS AT DEAL.

Jan. 9. N. E.—10. S. E.—11. S. by W.

MAILS.

Arrived, Ireland, 3.—Hamburg, 4.
Out, Ireland, 5.—Hamburg, 6.

STOCKS.

BANK STOCK		5 per cent. Ann.	69½ 70
3 per cent. cont.	47½ 48	Long Ann.	13 7-16
4 per cent.	59½ 60	Short,	—
EXCHANGES, LONDON ON			
Hamburgh	37 11 2½ U	Dublin,	8½
Lisbon,	66½	Bank-money,	—
Genoa,	66		

Caledonian Mercury.

EDINBURGH—JANUARY 15.

HOUSE OF LORDS, January 12.

The royal assent was given by commission to the assented taxes bill, the supplementary militia enlisting bill, and several private bills.

LORD CHANCELLOR deferred his motion for an account of the assented taxes paid by their Lordships. He found that the account could not at present be made up as the Commissioners of taxes do not meet until the beginning of next month.—Adjourned to Tuesday 13th February.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Jan. 12.

Mr ROSE moved, that the House, on its rising, do adjourn to the 8th of February next.

Mr HECK presented a petition from the Clock and Watchmakers of the town and county of Leicester, against the watch tax. It was laid on the table.

An account of the sums paid in loans to the Emperor, in pursuance of two acts of Parliament.

An account of the proceeding of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, respecting the receipt and the expenditure of certain offices, since last session of Parliament.

This last account was ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to the 8th February.

The packets which brought the Hamburg mails experienced great danger; one of them, in the passage from Cuxhaven to Yarmouth, lost six seamen, washed overboard by the surge.

It is said, that the Executive Directory has refused to enter on any kind of negotiation with the Commissioners from America, now at Paris, unless 400,000 dollars are paid as a preliminary *douane* for the honour of a conference. When the last accounts left Paris, the Commissioners had not been admitted to any public audience, though they have been there near two months.

Torre Del Greco, near Vesuvius, last destroyed in 1794, is again rebuilt, for the thirteenth time, the inhabitants having refused a spot much more secure, which was offered them by his Majesty.

The House of Commons of Ireland, met on Tuesday last, and elected the Right Hon. JOHN FOSTER to be Speaker. He held the same office in the last Parliament.

Lady DUNBAR of Hempriggs, was safely delivered here of a son, on the 13th current.

Died at Turin, on the 10th inst. ALEXANDER WATSON of Turin, in the 73d year of his age.

Died at Southampton, on the 9th inst. Major LOCKHART RUSSELL.

Died here, the 9th instant, Miss ALEXA BRUCE, youngest daughter of the late Mr Alexander Bruce, merchant, Edinburgh.

Mr DAVID BELL, overseer in the King's Stationary Warehouse, where he had been for upwards of forty years an useful and faithful servant, died here on Tuesday last.

Died here, on the 5th inst. Mr FRANCIS SHIELDS, baker in Edinburgh.

Last Thursday night, arrived at Walker's Hotel, Sir JOHN and Lady CHARLOTTE MENZIES from Castle Menzies; and General HAY of Rannas, with Capt. TAYLOR his Aid-de-Camp, from Aberdeen.

General LORD ADAM GORDON, and Lieutenant Colonel IMRIS, arrived at his Lordship's apartments at the Abbey, on Saturday last from the North.

The gold coinage now going on at the Mint, in the Tower, is the largest that has taken place for some time past; but no orders have yet been given for a silver coinage, on account of the price of bullion.

A General Meeting of this Society, agreeable to their Charter, was held in their Hall, South Bridge Street, on Tuesday last, when there was a very full and respectable attendance of the Members, Sir JAMES GRANT of Grant, Bart. one of the Vice Presidents in the Chair, in absence of the Duke of ARGYLE the President, by reason of indisposition; and, after a ballot, as required by the laws of the Society, the following were duly admitted Members, their names ordered to be recorded, and public notification of their election given, viz.

Right Hon. Lord John Campbell, second son of his Grace the Duke of Argyll.
Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk, Bart.
Colonel Henry Mordaunt Clavering, of the West Highland Fencibles.
Colonel Simon Fraser, younger of Lovat, Member of Parliament for Inverness-shire.
George Ramsay, Esq. younger of Barnton.
Colonel Donald McDonald, 55th regiment.
Major Simon McDonald, younger of Morar, 100th regiment.
Captain Angus McDonald of Milton.
Captain Alexander Grant, of Madras Cavalry.
Walter Gilmore, Esq. of Craigmillar.
Alexander Gordon, Esq. younger of Culvenan, advocate.
James Christie, Esq. of Durie.
Robert Trotter, Esq. of Callislaw, W. S.
Captain John Cameron, younger of Falfirth.
Alexander Fraser, Esq. younger of Gortudeg, W. S.
Donald Fraser, Esq. writer to the Signet.
John James Edmondstone, Esq. of Newtown, advocate.
Dr Robert Langlands, physician.
Patrick Nicolson, Esq. of Ardmore.
Lieut. Col. Joseph French, 102d regiment.
Lieut. Col. David Dewar, Royal Highland Edinburgh Volunteers.
Captain James Campbell of Duntroon.
Captain James Sinclair, younger of Forth.
Robert Graham, Esq. writer to the Signet.
Captain Simon Mackenzie, Royal Navy.
Thomas Cleghorn, Esq. coachmaker, Edinburgh.
John Home, Esq. of Redford.
Robert Menzies, Esq. writer to the Signet.
Hector McNell, Esq. of Canna.
Archibald Buchanan, Esq. Collector of the Customs, Campbeltown.
Donald McLaine, of Jeanfield, Esq. merchant in Edinburgh.

And on motion, the Right Hon. Admiral Lord Viscount DUNCAN, was unanimously elected, with much applause, an Honorary Member of the Society, as a mark of the high sense it entertains of the very distinguished and important services, which his perseverance, skill and gallant conduct has rendered not only to this country, of which he is a native, but to the British Empire at large.

The meeting thereafter took under consideration, the different articles of business which had been before their Committee of Directors since the general meeting in June last, and approved of their continued exertions for the promotion and encouragement of those objects of public industry and improvement, to which the Society's attention has always been turned; and particularly the premiums voted by them for improving the breed of black cattle, raising green crops, the bringing of barren land into tillage by means of potatoe crops, watering pasture ground, and draining wet lands, on which last important subject, the meeting recommended to the attention of the public in general, and particularly to such as are Members of this Society, a Treatise lately published by Mr Johnstone, land-surveyor on *Elkington's Art of Draining*, in which the author had been instructed by Mr Elkington, having been sent to England under the patronage of the Society for that purpose, many of the Members present who had read the book, bearing testimony to its merit and utility.

It also afforded much satisfaction to the meeting to find, that from the state of their funds, and the increasing number of respectable and public spirited Noblemen and Gentlemen from all quarters of the kingdom, giving aid and countenance to the laudable exertions of this patriotic Society, they would be enabled annually to augment the sum to be laid out by their Committee of Directors for the above, and other proper purposes.

On hearing HENRY MACKENZIE, Esq. from the Committee appointed at last General Meeting, "to take measures for elucidating and ascertaining the history and authenticity of the Poems of Ossian," on the progress made and information already obtained towards establishing the authenticity of these celebrated Poems, which reflect so much honour on the genius of Highlanders, and prove the energy of their ancient language, as well as manners; and after hearing Sir John Sinclair, Baronet, Mr Macleod Bannatyne, the Rev. Dr Kemp, and other Gentlemen on the subject, the Meeting voted the thanks of the Society to the Rev. Dr Hugh Blair, Professor of Belles Letters and Rhetoric in the University of Edinburgh, the Rev. Dr Smith of Campbeltown, George Chalmers, Esq. of the Office for Trade, London, the Rev. Mr Anderson, Minister of Kingussie, and the Rev. Mr MacLagan, Minister of Blair in Athol, for their very satisfactory and important communications on the subject of the Society's enquiry concerning the Poems of Ossian; and also to the Sub-Committee, and Mr Mackenzie their Chairman, for the great attention paid to this business; and the Meeting "Resolved to instruct their Committee of Directors, to continue the Sub-Committee for the investigation into the authenticity and history of the Poems of Ossian, and in general take every measure which to them shall appear most proper and effectual for the accomplishment of that object."

The Meeting recommended to the Committee who had prepared the bill "for the improvement of lands subject to the servitude of thirlage," a printed abstract of which was on the table, to confer with the Lord Advocate, and other Members of this Society who are in Parliament, and to request their attention to bring the bill before the Legislature, how soon the pressure of public business will admit.

The Meeting afterwards proceeded to the election of President, Vice Presidents, and other Officers of the Society for the current year, when the following Noblemen and Gentlemen were chosen, viz.

His Grace the Duke of ARGYLE re-elected President.
His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Cassillis,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Kinnoull,
The Right Hon. Lord Balmorne,
William McDonald, Esq. Secretary.
Mr Alexander Keay, Auditor of Accounts.
Mr Lewis Gordon, Dip. Secretary and Collector.
Mr David Watson, Recorder and Clerk.

Besides a Committee of thirty Ordinary Directors, resident in Edinburgh, for managing the affairs of the Society, seven of whom are changed annually by rotation, the following ten Noblemen and Gentlemen, of which some are only occasionally in town, and cannot regularly attend the stated meetings, were elected Extraordinary Directors, viz.

Most Hon. the Marquis of Tweeddale,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Moray,

Sir David Carnegie of Southesk,
Sir James Hall of Dunglass,
Sir James Grant of Grant,
Sir Hew Hamilton Dalrymple of North Berwick,
Patrick Hepon, Esq. of Heron, M. P.
Francis Grant, Esq. of Kilgillston,
Gilbert Meafon, Esq. of Mordoun,—and
Francis Farquharson, Esq. of Houghton.

Several other motions, and articles of business having been discussed, and referred to the Committee of Directors, the Meeting voted thanks to the Vice-President in the Chair for his attention to the business of the day.

Afterwards, a large party of forty-eight Members attended the anniversary dinner, Fortune's Tontine Tavern, Sir JAMES PRINGLE of Sticheil, Bart. another of the Vice-Presidents, in the Chair, when many loyal, constitutional, and patriotic toasts were given.

DUNDEE, Jan. 8.

It having been understood that Admiral Lord DUNCAN had accepted the invitation to dine here this day with the Magistrates and Council, the 1st regiment of Dundee Volunteers, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel MYLNE, (composed chiefly of the principal and most respectable inhabitants of this place) turned out to pay that respect and honour which was so justly due to the gallant Admiral, their townsman, by receiving him with presented arms, drums beating, colours flying, &c.

On his Lordship's near approach, the band struck up "See the conquering Hero comes!" which had an excellent effect. After the usual salute, his Lordship was conducted into the town-house, the volunteers firing three volleys; and, we understand, his Lordship was pleased to express to the Lieutenant-Colonel, in very flattering terms, his sense of the honour conferred on him, and his satisfaction with the handsome and military appearance of such a body of respectable citizens, inrolled for the defence of our dearest rights, and for repelling the threatened invasion of an haughty and insolent enemy.

The evening was spent with great conviviality and harmony. A number of the most respectable Gentlemen in the town and neighbourhood were present. His Lordship was in excellent spirits, and seemed highly pleased in the company of many who had been the friends and companions of his early days. His Lordship was born in this town on the 1st of July 1731.

The concourse of people assembled on this occasion was the greatest we have ever before witnessed in this place, and the gallant Admiral was hailed on his approach, as well as on retiring, with reiterated shouts and acclamations. The 21st regiment of foot lined the square, to keep off the crowd.

His Lordship has been made a member of all the nine Incorporations of this place.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY.

The trial of MENZIES and CAMERON, from Perthshire, accused of sedition and rioting, is adjourned to Wednesday.

Yesterday afternoon, a woman was burnt to death in a house at the Sciennes. When some neighbours went into the house, they found her just expiring. It is supposed she had been in a state of intoxication, and had gone too near the fire. A bottle with whisky was standing on the table before her.

The gross amount of the duty on hops for the year 1797, is 155,741. 3s. 14d.

A field of thirty-five acres, belonging to Mr Elman, of Glynd, produced, this year, the amazing quantity of nine hundred and eighty tons of turnips, the produce of each acre averaging at 28 tons weight.

Shipping.

SOUND INTELLIGENCE.

Paired upwards.

January 2. Hope of Dundee, Smith, from Menel to Leith, sails.

On Sunday the 31st December, failed from the Sound, the Beaulieu frigate, Captain Ferryman, with about twelve or fourteen sail under her convoy.

Wind at present S. E.

ELSNORE, Jan. 2. 1797.

—ARRIVED AT LEITH—

Jan. 13. Ceres, Baird, from Greenock, goods.

Mary, Johnston, from London, do.

Mercury, Williamson, from Riga, do.

Kay, Jordan, from Liverpool, salt.

14 Dispatch, Roger, from Alenmouth, oats.

Leith Packet, Paton, from Dundee, goods.

—SAILED—

Kelfa Packet, Watson, for London, do.

Roxburgh, Taylor, for do. do.

Endeavour, Bailing, for Perth, do.

Wind west.

—ARRIVED AT STROMNESS—

Dec. 19. Friendship, Harris, of Scarborough, from Liverpool for Leith, salt.

Aurora, —, of Elbing, from ditto for Pillau, ditto.

23 Befsey and Janet, Irving, of Stromness, from Newcastle.

24 Thomas, Irving, of ditto, from Loch Collin for Leith.

Ann, Brown, of London, from Peterburgh for Liverpool.

25 Expedition, Nisbet, of London, for the cod fishing.

Theatre-Royal.

On WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17. will be presented,

A Comedy, called

THE PROVOKED HUSBAND;

OR, A JOURNEY TO LONDON.

To which will be added,

THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE.

Doors to be opened at Six, to begin precisely at Seven.

Tickets to be had, and places for the boxes to be taken at the box-office of the Theatre-Royal.

ENGLISH COALS.

A Cargo of the best Sunderland and Allan's Main COAL, now selling on board the Merchant, Captain Wheatley, lying below the Crane, or at the Leith.

Apply at the ship, or at the shop of George Gibson.

Leith, 15th January, 1798.

DESERVED.

From the 1st battalion of Royal PERTH VOLUNTEERS, JAMES SMOLLET, Fifer, a young man of about 15 years of age, fair complexion, fair hair, and about 5 feet high. A Reward of FIVE GUINEAS is hereby offered to any person who will secure Smollett within any jail in Britain, to be paid by Charles Hurland or Robert Peddie, Secretaries to the corps. He was seen in Glasgow within these few days.

Perth, 13th January, 1798.

FARM IN BERWICKSHIRE TO BE LET.

There is to be Let in Tack, by public roup, within the house of John Craig, vintner in Dundee, on Wednesday the 14th day of February next, at five o'clock afternoon.

THE FARM OF LAUFELATT, part of the Estate of LASGTON, lying in the parish of Langton, and thire of Berwick.

This farm consists of more than 300 acres, all arable, well inclosed and subdivided, and the soil is of an excellent quality. The lease will be for 19 years, and the entry of the tenant at Whitfriday next, 1798.

The articles of roup are in the hands of Mr Edmondstone at Lauder, and Mr Campbell, St James's Square, to either of whom enquiries may be addressed, and offers for a private bargain previous to the day of sale.

TO THE FARMERS OF SCOTLAND.

GENTLEMEN,
[F I, who am one of your own number, could have addressed you personally, I would not have chosen this method of communicating to you my sentiments; but as the urgency of the occasion, and the immediate danger to which our interests are at present exposed, make this mode impracticable, and as it is necessary we should be roused to act vigorously, unanimously, and instantly in the common cause, it is only left me, on the spur of the moment, to address you in a body in this public manner.]

You have no doubt heard, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has threatened the Scotch distillers with destruction, or to impose such a tax upon them as will be equivalent to it. He tells you, that the enormous intemperance of the people of Scotland can only be restrained by the hand of Government, and that the depreciation of the distilleries is absolutely necessary for that purpose. Had the allusion been true, as I have seen a late publication addressed to him by a Mid-Lothian Farmer, upon the subject of his speech in Parliament; and indeed if that gentleman had kept more in view the interest of the farmer, his pointed address might have prevented the necessity of this; but I am anxious upon the subject, as it concerns ourselves. Let me now entreat you will attend to the following precise proposition, and then you will see how far your interests may be affected, if Mr Pitt's idea be carried into execution. The proposition is this: If the distilleries are stopped or depressed, you shall find an uncertain market even for your best barley; and the barley of an inferior quality, so far that which is damaged, you will find no market at all. Now, your long experience tells you, and this year confirms it, that when a species of grain falls remarkably in price, it will affect the price of all the rest; so that your wheat, oats, pease, and even your potatoes, will find a daily cheapening. Those among you who are opulent will keep up their grain in expectation of a better price; their grain will accumulate upon their hands; the next year will become worse than the former; farmers of small capitals will be ruined; and those who are more opulent will become poor and distressed. You will become incapable of exertion, and every thing will go wrong. I offer this proposition to your view at the only critical moment when it can be of the least advantage; for I am certainly informed, that some time in February next the business is to be settled, when a distillery law, a source of ruin to the Scotch farmer, is finally to be established. Now, therefore, is the moment in which you ought to claim the privilege of *free, equal, and legal British subjects*. Mr Pitt and Mr Role have declared their desire to receive information; and it is your province to give it to them, where you yourselves are so deeply interested. Let this information be immediately poured forth from every corner of Scotland, to prevent the hasty, ill-founded, and ruinous measure with which you are threatened. Meet together and confer; state your interest as the business with farmers, with cultivators, with truth and good sense. Address your landlords; tell them of your present sufferings, and your future fears; inform the Representatives in Parliament for your shires and your royal burghs; and they will naturally be animated for your welfare and protection, and the great agricultural interest of Scotland. Inform Mr Pitt, for he knows you must be competent from your situation, so do inform him how much his plan will distress these interests; tell him how much smuggling now prevails upon our coasts, and how much more it will prevail if his plan is adopted. He will attend to your petition, and he who has modified the assented taxes, and given relief to the poor of the land, will in your instance listen to the voice of truth. He knows your importance in the State, and has seen with exultation your offers of public service; he considers in the ready hardy Scots yeomanry for the defence of the country, and he will not suffer oppression to enfeeble the arms which are lifted up against our public enemies. Speak plainly to him as I do to you; tell him what you know; tell him what you feel, what you fear; tell him the Scots are not generally addicted to intemperance; tell him you cannot pay your rents without a market for your produce; tell him you cannot support your families, pay your taxes and your servants without a regular market; tell him, if the distilleries are depressed, you will be driven to a foreign market, where you will find your situation as it was many years ago, when the returns for barley from Sweden and Norway were not above eight shillings per boll, and would not now pay for feed and labour though the lands were rented for nothing. I know information has been sought for from the distillers, but how can a fair statement be expected from them; they wish to please the Ministry, and naturally say, we have no objection to your laying upon us a heavy additional tax; a less whisky will indeed be consumed, but we will get a better price; less barley will be consumed, but it will be much cheaper, our profits will still remain and even increase. These men are regardless, they see that in the end the distressed unhappy farmer must pay the tax.

In short, Gentlemen, your dependence is upon yourselves, and as your loyalty is known, and your effectual industry is the pillar of public property, do not betray yourselves and the public by diffidence and sloth, and you will attain your object. You surely have not all forgotten that to the well timed and effectual representations and exertions of the Scotch farmers not many years ago, we are indebted for the present licence distillery act, which has given to the country a great revenue, and given to the farmer a good and ready market. Mr Pitt's threats against the distillers have this year destroyed your market and your hopes at once; but your path is now plain before you, pursue it vigorously, and you will secure your own interests, and the Government itself and your country will thank you.

A FARMER.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.

St Cecilia's Hall, Jan. 8. 1798.
THE DIRECTORS of the MUSICAL SOCIETY beg leave to inform the Members, that the SIX SPRING CONCERTS are fixed for the following days, viz.

Friday the 16th January.
Friday the 23d February.
Friday the 16th Ditto.
Friday the 2d March.
Friday the 16th Ditto.
Friday the 30th Ditto.
Friday the 13th April.—And,
Friday in the Race Week.

To begin at seven o'clock.
Each Member will receive three Ladies Tickets for each night, on sending to the usual place. Gentlemen who are strangers will please to leave their names at St Cecilia's Hall the day preceding each Concert.

COPARTNERY DISSOLVED.

THESE are intimating, That the Copartnership between JAMES BRANDON and JEAN SCOTT, Milliners in Edinburgh, was dissolved by mutual consent upon the 1st day of December last. Such as are indebted to the Company are requested to pay the same to Miss Brandon, who is to continue the business, and who will pay any claims upon the Company.

Miss BRANDON, who is just returned from London with a large assortment of fashionable Articles, takes this opportunity of returning her most grateful thanks to her Friends in particular, and the Public in general, for past favours. She also takes the liberty to request their further countenance and support, which she hopes to merit by an unremitting attention to business.

VILLA OF NORTH MERCHISTON.

To be Sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, upon Wednesday the 14th day of January 1798, between the hours of three and four afternoon.

THE VILLA OF NORTH MERCHISTON, a few minutes walk from Prince's Street, on the Glasgow road, containing about 25 Scotch, or 44 acres statute measure.

Also, GROUND RENTS, due out of four houses in Adam's Square, amounting yearly to 21l. Sterling.

For particulars apply to Mr Sandilands, W. S. North St Andrew's Street, who has power to conclude a private bargain.

TO BE SOLD.

By Public Roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, upon Wednesday the 31st day of January 1798, betwixt the hours of two and three afternoon;

THAT HOUSE IN NICOLSON'S STREET, possessed by Mr John Biggar, manufacturer, consisting of three flats and garrets. On the first floor there is a large dining-room, kitchen, servants room, pantry, &c. On the second floor there is an excellent drawing-room, a large bed-room with two light closets, and a large light closet that will hold a bed. On the third floor there are four neat bed-rooms, with light closets to each, one of which will hold a bed. Above all, there is a large garret, with two vents. There are four cellars belonging to the house, three of which are vaulted; and Plot of Grass behind, to which there is a separate entry.

The house may be seen on Tuesdays and Fridays, from eleven to two o'clock.

Also a SMALL HOUSE on the west side of Nicolson's Street, consisting of a large room, 25 feet by 17, and near 11 feet high, exceedingly well lighted; and a good bed-room, closet, kitchen, and cellar. The house is all lately painted in oil. It enters immediately from the street, and has another entry from the back to the kitchen. It would answer vastly well for a warehouse or school-house.

This house may be seen at any time by calling at Mr Biggar's warehouse in Nicolson's Street.

Enquire at James Gibson, W. S. who has power to conclude a private bargain.

ARGYLLSHIRE.

THE ESTATE OF GLENFROCHAN is to be sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 17th day of January 1798, between the hours of two and three afternoon.

This Estate is worthy the attention of Gentlemen wishing to procure a pleasant and comfortable residence in the Highlands of Scotland, as few, if any, are to be met with possessed of equal advantages, both natural and acquired. It is situated on Lochfichan, an arm of the sea, near to the port of Oban, in the beautiful country of Lorn. The soil is excellent, and the farms in general extensive. The mansion-house is neat, and fit for a genteel family, having servants apartments, and a new court of offices, &c. in the highest order. There is an excellent garden, stocked with choice fruit trees, and the garden wall, gardener's house, &c. in good order. Also a thriving orchard, and extensive plantations, containing a variety of trees. The woods upon the estate are of considerable value, and there is the appearance of a valuable lead mine upon one of the farms.

The water of Feachan affords abundance of trout, and there is a Salmon Fishing, and the greatest variety of sea fish. The moors are the best in the country for game.

The free rent is about 450l. Sterling, the particulars of which, with a plan and measurement of the lands, may be seen by applying to Mr Keith, accountant, or Mr Ferrier, writer to the signet, Edinburgh, either of whom will give every other information desired, and will receive private offers for the purchase of the estate, betwixt and the day of sale.

SALE OF LANDS IN ROXBURGHSHIRE.

To be exposed to public sale, on Saturday the 17th of March 1798, in David Kyle's, Melrose, at one o'clock afternoon.

THE LANDS OF CARLEHOLE, consisting of 125 English acres, all arable, pleasantly situated on the south bank of the Tweed.

The high road between the market towns of Melrose and Selkirk passes through the lands, about three miles distant from each, and renders it an eligible situation for a Villa.

A great part of the price may remain in the purchaser's hands. For particulars apply to Mr Walker Turnbull, teacher in Melrose, who will show the lands, the progress of crops, and the articles of sale—to whom also offers in writing may be given in, as he is empowered to conclude a private bargain before the day of sale.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC ROUP.

Within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, on the 20th of March 1798, at two o'clock afternoon.

THE LANDS OF SMITHYHILL, lying in the parish of Strickathro, and county of Forfar, within three miles of the town of Brechin, bounded on the south by the water of Cruick, and on the north by the West Water.

These lands consist of about 102 acres arable, of an excellent quality, and in a high state of cultivation, about eight acres of good pasture on the banks of the above waters, and there will be sold along with them, about 20 acres of improvable moor, of the adjoining lands of Muirton.

The rent of the arable land and pasture, exclusive of the moor, is only 168l. but as the present tenant lately paid a considerable premium for an assignment to the lease, he has at a rent of about 250l. and a hill further addition may be depended on at the expiry of the lease, which expires in 1809.

The tenants are valued and nearly exhausted, and including these public burdens do not exceed 7l. sterling. The lands are to be held for Mr Turnbull of Muirton, for a trifling feu-duty.

A considerable part of the price may remain for some time in the purchaser's hands, on proper security.

For further particulars, application may be made to Mr Turnbull, at Muirton, by Brechin, who will show the lands, or to Alexander Crombie, advocate in Aberdeen, or John Morrison, writer to the signet.

SALE OF LANDS IN STIRLINGSHIRE, &c.

On Wednesday the 24th day of January 1798, between the hours of 6 and 7 afternoon, will be exposed to sale, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh,

THE LANDS AND ESTATE OF AIRTHREY, situated partly in Stirlingshire, and in the two adjoining counties of Perth and Clackmannan, but all lying contiguous, and containing about 2443 Scots acres; the present free rent whereof, after deducting all public burdens, except the land-tax, is 2051l. 17s. 10d. 2-12ths Sterling.

The estate lies in the vicinity of the Royal Burgh and market town of Stirling, and near the banks of the river Forth; indeed one of the farms is bounded by that river. The country around is, for beauty, and richness of prospect, thought not inferior to any in Great Britain; and it is admitted, that this estate, in particular, is, in point of excellence of soil, variety of grounds, beauty of natural situation, and many local advantages, equal, if not superior, to any property that has been offered to sale these many years.

The mansion-house, which was built within these four years, on a plan of Mr Robert Adams, is large, elegant, and commodious. It stands on a pleasant rising ground of fine dry gravel, within three miles of Stirling, in a park of singular beauty, containing about 158 acres, completely inclosed with a high stone and lime wall; and on the fourth side of a hill, very finely wooded, commanding an extensive prospect of that beautiful country called the Carle of Stirling, and the river Forth nearly as far as Edinburgh. Under the bank where the house stands, in full view of it, and within the park, is a fine sheet of water, covering about 19 acres. There is also a large and convenient new court of offices, and a well stocked garden, containing about two acres, with hot-houses, &c. all in the best order, completely fenced by walls 4 feet high; likewise an orchard, containing nearly one acre, within walls of 12 feet high.

The timber on this estate is very valuable, many of the trees, especially those around the house, being very large, and full grown, and the young plantations very thriving. There is limestone and rock marble in the grounds, and coal and lime are plenty in the neighbourhood, and very cheap. There is also a copper mine in the premises, in working which some thousand pounds have been expended, and is now let on terms very favourable for the proprietor.

For transporting timber, copper-ore, and the other produce of the estate, and importing heavy goods, the adjoining navigable river Forth, within a mile and a half of the mansion-house, is extremely commodious.

The house is 37 miles distant from Edinburgh, and 28 miles from Glasgow, to both of which cities there are exceeding good turnpike roads.

The leases of several of the farms have yet some years to run, but it is thought, by very good judges, that on the expiration of these, almost double the present rents may be depended on.

By far the greatest part of the lands hold blench of the Crown, and afford two freehold qualifications in the county of Stirling, and nearly one in the county of Perth.

In short, if any gentleman wishes to fix his residence in a rich, fertile, and cheap country, uncommonly beautiful, and on an estate where the mansion-house, offices, gardens, pleasure grounds, roads, &c. &c. are in complete good order, the subject now offered for sale is very well worthy of his attention.

A plan of the Estate and the grounds themselves, will be shown by John Stewart at Penderick, near Airthrey, Mr Haldane's overseer, on sending to him the evening before, who will also show an estimate of all the wood on the estate, the value of which has been very exactly ascertained, and amounts to about 7000l. Sterling. A plan of the mansion-house, a rental and measurement, and the title deeds of the estate, with a state of the current leases, a fair calculation of the value of the estate, and the articles of sale, may be seen in the hands of Mr Duncan, writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

N.B. The above estate will be put up at L. 74,000 sterling, and for encouragement to the purchaser a great part of the price will be allowed to remain in his hands, on proper security, or accepted of by instalment, so as the whole may not be paid off in less than six years from Martinmas 1797.

The above sum of 74,000l. is not 25 years purchase, as formerly stated, but little more than 24 years purchase of the estimated annual value of the estate, after deducting the value of the current leases—to which sum is added 3000l. for the house, offices, &c. though within these seven years they cost the proprietor above 20,000l. and 7000l. for the timber; but in fixing the upper price, nothing is set down for the Copper Mine now working, nor for the Garden and some other grounds, including the Great Park, which garden and grounds are reckoned well worth 60l. per ann.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN DUMFRIES-SHIRE.

To be exposed to public sale by Auction, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, on Wednesday the 17th day of January 1798, between the hours of five and six afternoon.

THE LANDS AND ESTATE OF WISEBY, comprehending the Farms of Wisby Main, Turfing, Graystones, Redmyrhead, Gilshaws, Dykehead, and Wisby Burnhead, with the whole House and Mosses thereto belonging, all lying in the parish of Kilpatrick-Fleming, Lordship and Hierarchy of Annandale, and Shire of Dumfries.

The present rent, as ascertained in the process of sale, is as follows:

1. The rent of the lands in the natural possession of the bankrupt.	1. 212 19 9
2. The rents of lands payable on leases.	125 17 0
3. The rents of small possessions.	5 15 0
4. The yearly produce of the Mosses.	5 0 0

Total Gross Rent, L. 349 11 9

Deductions for teind and feu duty, and school salary, 9 7 2 11-12

Total free rent L. 340 4 6 1-12

But as a certain part of the estate has been let by the bankrupt since the addition of sale commenced, for four years, from Candlemas 1796, and as the proceeds for letting aside this tack, is still in dependence, there is deducted on this account, as the difference between the proven rental of this part of the estate, and the rent payable by the said tack,

42 14 10

Total free rent in this view L. 306 16 11

Dr Andrew Coventry, Professor of Agriculture in the University of Edinburgh, having viewed the lands, he was requested to state his opinion of the rent and value of them in the form of a report. A report and valuation was accordingly given into process by the Doctor, in three separate views, and to which he made oath. By this valuation he estimates the yearly worth of the lands as follows:

1st View—Under the subsisting leases, L. 413 18 6

2d View—Supposing the leases expired, L. 433 5 2

3d View—Supposing the leases expired, and lands re-divided by a different arrangement of the farms, L. 505 9 9

The witnesses adduced by the pursuer of the sale concur in valuing the lands at twenty-five years purchase, which, including the value of the Growing Timber on the estate, and of the Teinds, and holding the tack under challenge, to be set aside, is

L. 8708 16 6 1-12

Holding the tack not to be set aside, it is 7640 5 8 1-12

Upon the other hand, Dr Coventry values the lands under sale at twenty-nine years purchase, which in his first view of the rental, including the value of the growing timber, and the teinds, and deducting the proven deductions, is

L. 12,189 6 7 7-12

The Court have struck the medium between these three values, and appointed the estate under sale to be exposed at the upper price of

L. 9512 16 3 2-12

The lands hold of the Crown, for payment of a feu-duty of 3s. 10d. 8-12ths, and are valued in the cess books at 200 merks Scots. The teinds are valued by a decree in 1738.

The estate lies within four miles of Ecclefechan, and about the same distance from Annan. It consists of about 676 acres statute measure, and is capable of very great improvement. There are several free stone quarries on the lands, and there is reason to believe that both lime stone and marble may be found in them. The mansion-house, which has been built within these few years, is fit for the accommodation of a genteel family, and the offices are suitable.

A great part of the estate lies along the river Kirtle, and the great road from Moffat to Carlisle runs through the lands. In short, a more desirable purchase, as to situation, and in the view of improvement, seldom occurs.

The title-deeds, leases, conditions of sale, and plan of the estate, are to be seen in the office of Alexander Ross, deputy clerk of Session; and application as to further particulars may be made to Roger Aytoun, W.S. common agent in the sale, and William Laidlaw, writer in Dumfries, judicial factor on the estate. Copies of the abstract of the prepared state, and of Dr Coventry's report, are in the hands of Mr Laidlaw, and will be shown to any person wishing to purchase.—Peter Bell, in Wiseby town, will show the estate.

As the appeal at Mr Irvine's instance has been dismissed, the sale will certainly proceed on the day above advertised.

COUNTY OF DURHAM.

Parish of Norham, near Berwick upon Tweed, 25th December 1797.

TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS,

In Berwick upon Tweed, some time in the month of March next, of which previous notice will be given, in the following lots:

LOT I. ALL that FREEHOLD FARM, situated in the township of Horncastle Loamend, in the parish of Norham aforesaid, consisting of 213 acres, more or less, and now in the possession of Messrs Short, Riddle, and Thomson.

LOT II. All that FREEHOLD FARM, situated in the township of Horncastle Loamend aforesaid, consisting of 155 acres, more or less, and now in the possession of Messrs Nichol and Hunter.

N.B. The above Estates (comprised with others belonging to the Proprietor) pay the annual sum of four pounds four shillings to Sir Carnaby Haggerston, Bart. as a Castle-Guard Rent for Norham Castle, which will be proportioned to each farm at the time of the sale; also pay twopenny halfpenny to the Vicar of Norham, as a modus, in lieu of Hay Tithe; all other Tithes are paid in kind.

The above Estates are pleasantly situated near the banks of the Tweed, and within three miles of Berwick, on the Great Road leading to Kelso, are all well inclosed, have suitable offices on each farm, and the owners and tenants have a right to dig stones, for the use of the farms, in a free-stone quarry, called Barking Cough Quarry, in the township of Horncastle, which is about one mile distant from the above premises.

A plan of the above Estates, with the rentals, may be seen, and any other information had, on application to Mr James Turnbull, attorney at law, Berwick upon Tweed.

SALE OF LANDS IN LANARKSHIRE.

To be sold by Auction, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 31st day of January 1798, at one o'clock.

THE LANDS OF EARDHOUSES, lying in the parish of Carnwath, consisting of about 500 acres, partly arable and partly good sheep pasture. The lands are out of lease—the rent is L.80, out of the present tenant and others have offered L.100, besides the public burdens, which are to no great amount.

There is plenty of peats upon the ground, and lime can be had cheap within two miles, and the boundaries is a water, in which there are trout, and the lands abound with game of all kinds; they lie very near the great road from Edinburgh to Lanark, within 20 miles of Edinburgh, and they are four miles distant from Carnwath.

For further particulars apply to Joseph Cavin, writer to the signet, George Street.

N.B. The house in Edinburgh, formerly advertised, is disposed of by private bargain.

A FARM & A MILLSTONE QUARRY, TO LET.

THE FARM OF BOGEND, in the parish of Bartram Shotts, lying about half way betwixt Edinburgh and Glasgow, about half a mile to the south of the new Bathgate and Airdrie road, and half a mile to the north of the Whitburn road. This farm consists of betwixt 140 and 150 acres of ground, about 60 acres of which are good arable ground of an excellent soil, 15 acres of rich meadow ground, and the remainder fine green hill pasture, affording excellent feed for black cattle or sheep.

There is a standing of farm houses on the farm, which, with the arable and meadow ground now in grass, may be entered to immediately; and the pasture ground may be entered to on the first of March next.

There is a MILLSTONE ROCK of excellent quality in the grounds, which has been wrought to great advantage, and will either be let along with the farm or separately.

The farm and quarry will be shown by And. Black, at Bogend, and for further particulars application may be made to Robert Hill, writer to the signet, North Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, or James Hill, writer in Glasgow.

LANDS OF HYNDHOPE.

To be sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 21st February 1798, between the hours of two and three afternoon.

THE LANDS OF HYNDHOPE, lying within the parish of Yarrow, and Shire of Selkirk. These lands are delightfully situated on the banks of Ettrick; and there are several charming situations on them, either for a mansion-house or farmstead. They are well known to be a most capital sheep farm, capable of great improvement.

The purchaser may enter into the full possession at Whitfunday first.

They afford a freehold qualification for the Shire of Selkirk. For particulars, apply to Mr John Lang, writer in Selkirk, Mr A. Cunningham, No. 37, George Street, Edinburgh, or James Gibson, W.S. who will show the title-deeds and articles of sale.

A private bargain may be made before the day of sale.

SALE OF ESTATES IN BERWICKSHIRE.

To be sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 7th of March 1798—The roup to begin at two o'clock afternoon.

THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND ESTATES,

1. The LANDS AND ESTATE OF WHITSOMHILL, and SALMON FISHERIES thereto belonging, lying within the parishes of Whitton and Ladykirk.

This estate consists of 1362 acres, and is presently possessed by nine tenants at the yearly rent of 1153l. 13s. 6d. The most material of the leases expire in the 1801, when a very considerable rise of rent will be got. The whole of the leases contain proper restrictions as to the management of the farms.

The ripend, school salary, and feu-duty payable out of this estate is 24l. 6s. 1d. 4-12ths, and the representatives of Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes are bound to relieve the proprietor of the augmentation of stipends.

The whole of the estate, excepting some small pendicles in the town of Whitton, is held of the Crown, and will afford six freehold qualifications in the county.

Or, if more agreeable to offerers, this estate will be exposed in the following Lots—

LOT I.—The Lands of RAMRIGG, RAMAGEMOUNT, and GREENSIDE, with the SALMON FISHERIES on the Tweed, consisting of 741 acres, and of yearly rent 611l.

LOT II.—The Lands of WHITSOMHILL, WHITSOM-VOLTS, DEADRIG, and CARTRIG, HURDIES-HILL, and CLAYPOTTS, and EASTER WHITSOM, consisting of 621 acres, and of yearly rent 542l. 13s. 6d.

2dly. The LANDS AND BARONY OF HILTON, and Teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Whitton, consisting of the Farms of Winnfield and Hiltonhill, as possessed by Robert Brown and John Hogarth, extending to 875 acres, at the yearly rent of 760l.

The stipend and school salary payable out of the estate is 23l. 10s. 12ths Sterling.

This estate is held blench of the Crown, and the valued rent thereof is 744l. 15s. 10d. Scots.

Or, if more agreeable to offerers, this estate will be exposed in the following Lots—

LOT I.—The FARM OF WINNFIELD, possessed by Robert Brown upon a lease, which expires in 1802, consisting of 552 acres, at the yearly rent of 400l. The valued rent of this lot will be more than sufficient for giving a freehold qualification in the county.

LOT II.—The FARM OF HILTONHILL, consisting of 323 acres, as possessed by John Hogarth, at the yearly rent of 360l. The public burdens to be allocated proportionally on these two lots, according to the present rents.

3dly. The LANDS AND ESTATE OF FISHWICK, lying in the parish of Hutton, with the SALMON FISHERIES on the river Tweed thereto belonging.

This estate consists of 1209 acres, let upon a very old lease, which expires in the 1801, and when a very great rise of rent will for certain be got. The regulations of the subsisting lease are, in every point of view, most favourable to an incoming tenant.

The present rent of the lands is only L. 606 0 0

And of the salmon fishings L. 190 0 0

The public burdens amount to L. 296 0 0

The whole estate is held of the Crown, and stands rated in the valuation books at 1053l. 16s. 6d.

The teinds are valued and exhausted by the present stipend. Or, if more agreeable to offerers, this estate will be exposed in the following lots:

LOT I. Being that part of the Estate called FISHWICK, consisting of 786 acres, presently possessed by Mr George Logan, at the yearly rent of L. 404 0 0

And it is proposed to add to this lot the Salmon Fishings L. 190 0 0

L. 594 0 0

LOT II. Being that part of the Estate commonly called the MAINS OF FISHWICK, consisting of 423 acres, presently possessed by Mr John Logan, at the yearly rent of 202l.

The above division of the rents was made by a private agreement betwixt the tenants, to which the proprietor was no party.

The PATRONAGE of the United Parishes of WHITSOM and HILTON will be sold, along with one or other of the above Estates, as purchasers may incline, under a reservation of making the first Presentation after the death of the present incumbent.

Persons wishing to be informed of farther particulars may apply to Messrs Francis and John Andersons, writers to the signet, Edinburgh; or to Mr Alexander Low at Woodend, by Dunfermline, either of whom are authorized to treat by private bargain for the sale of all or any of the above estates before the day of roup.

LANDS IN DUMFRIES-SHIRE AND GALLOWAY.

To be sold by private bargain.

1. THE ESTATE OF KIRKMICHAEL, lying in the parish of Kirkmichael, and county of Dumfries, of nearly 1200l. of present yearly rent.

This estate is very extensive, with plantations and natural woods on it of great extent and value. The farm houses are mostly new, and the farms being capable of much improvement, must yield considerable rises of rent on the expiry of the present leases. It is held of the Crown, affords a Free Qualification, and possesses many other advantages.

II. The Lands of GLENKILNS, BLACKCLEUGH, and LAMPHTITS, in the parish of Kirkmichael, and county of Dumfries, forming one of the best Stone Farms in that country, presently rented at upwards of 200l.; but as the lease of Glenkilns and Blackcleugh expires at Whitfunday 1798, a very considerable rise of rent may then be expected.

III. The UNDIVIDED HALF of the Lands of Craighfield and Hollis, of which the present rent is about 200l. per annum, subject to the liferent of a Gentleman of nearly 70 years of age.

All these lands lie contiguous, from 8 to 10 miles from the town of Dumfries, and will be sold together or separately, as purchasers incline.

IV. The Lands of WOLFGILL, HERRIES PARKS, and CARTHAGENA, in the parish of Dumfries, and within half a mile of the town, beautifully situated, and paying 230l. yearly rent.

V. The Lands of AUCHENGIBBERT, in the parish of Dumfries, and stewardry of Kirkcudbright, about nine miles from the town, and within half a mile of the town of Kirkcudbright, having a commodious harbour on the lands themselves, at which vessels of 100 tons may unload. They afford a Freehold Qualification in the stewardry. The mills were lately erected, and well situated, both for home and export trade. The present yearly rent of this estate is only 250l. but the current leases very soon expire, and offers have already been made of much higher rents.

For further particulars, apply to William Balfour, Esq. Great Cumberland Place, London; John Balfour, Sheriff-clerk of Dumfries; or Alexander Young, writer to the signet.

FARMS OF THE ESTATE OF OCHILTREE, IN THE COUNTY OF AYR.

To be LET, for such a number of years as can be agreed on, and entered to at the terms under mentioned.

THE FARM OF BURNOCHEAD, consisting of 1019 Scots Acres of found pasture ground, entry at Whitfunday 1798.

THE FARM OF GREENHILL, consisting of 385 Scots acres, mostly pasture ground, entry at Whitfunday 1798.

The East Part of WILLIAMS FARM, consisting of 26 acres, and the West part of the same Farm, consisting of 30 acres, both good arable land, and improvable. These two will be let together or separately as tenants may incline, entry at Martinmas 1798.

Upon each of the above farms there is suitable outbuildings; they are situated in a country having convenient access to both manure and markets.

Proposals in writing may be given in to Sir Alexander Ramsay, Bart. of Newton, by Kelso, William Crawford, Esq. Edinburgh, near Ayr, or James Potts, writer in Kelso.

Such offers as are not accepted, will if desired, be concealed.

LANDS IN FORFARSHIRE TO BE SOLD.

To be sold by public voluntary roup, within the house of Adam Warden, vintner in Ayr, upon Wednesday the 2d February 1798, betwixt twelve and two afternoon.

THE LANDS OF DYKEHEAD OF CRAIGIES, with the Privilege of Pasturage on the hills of Knapenburgh and Whitehill, and other places adjacent, and of cutting and leading away peats, turf, and other fuel from the mosses and hills of Kilry, conform to use and wont, all as presently possessed by James Craik and his subtenants, and lying within the parish of Glenfilla, and shire of Forfar.

These lands lie within two miles of the populous and thriving village of Ayr in Perthshire, and are situated in the heart of a fertile country, being in the near neighbourhood of game and fishing of all kinds. They are of considerable extent; the property of lands, which are all inclosed, measure about 123 acres, exclusive of the neighbouring hills, on which they have a right of pasturage of about ten miles in circuit. They are presently let to one tenant at the rent of L.36 on an old tack, which expires at Martinmas 1800; and the landlord is already in possession of an offer from a respectable tenant of L.70 Sterling yearly, for a lease of 19 years. The lands hold of a subject superior for payment of L.20 Scots of feu duty, and the teinds were valued by the Sub-Commissioners so far back as 1630, whose report has been since approved of.

There is a famous fall of water, called the *Rocky Line*, upon the property, created by the River of Ila throwing itself down a precipice of 120 feet. It is visited by travellers as a great natural curiosity.

The progress of crops and articles of roup may be seen by applying to John Adamson, writer in Edinburgh, or Edward Warden, writer in Cupar Angus, who are empowered to treat by private bargain before the day of sale.

The tenant will show the grounds.

LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF DUMFRIES.

To be sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, in Edinburgh, between the hours of six and eight afternoon, on Wednesday the 16th May next.

THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND ESTATES:

I. THE ESTATE OF GRATTNEY, with the Teinds, lying in the parish of Grattney, and county of Dumfries, consisting of above 800 Scots acres. The present rent is 481l. and by the rise upon one farm, the rent after Martinmas next will be 501l. 3s. exclusive of the Salmon Fishing. This estate holds of the Crown, and being valued in the cess books at 830 merks, affords an undoubted Freehold Qualification. The great roads from Portpatrick to London, and from Glasgow to London, run through the lands, and join at the well-known village of Grattney Green in the heart of the estate